

REMARKS


The Applicant's representative appreciates the Examiner's assistance in placing this application in condition for allowance. During the telephone discussions between the Examiner and Applicant's representative, which were conducted February 16-18, 1999, no specific prior art references were discussed. Independent claims 1, 9, 17, 22 and 25 have been amended to clarify claim language with respect to antecedent basis and to remove any ambiguity that may have existed in the claims in their previous form. The amendments are not intended to affect the scope of the claims. It is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 429-1776 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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